

Behavioral Health Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2013

Members Present: Sonia Acosta, Lonnetta Albright, Julie Barron, Joeline Beckett, Linda Burghardt, Karen Cashen, Elmer Cerano, Mary Chaliman, Mike Davis, Norm DeLisle, Jean Dukarski (for Brian Wellwood), Elizabeth Evans, Mary Beth Evans, Benjamin Jones, Lauren Kazee, Marlene Lawrence, Shareen McBride, Chris O'Droski, Kevin O'Hare, Kevin O'Neill (for Kevin McLaughlin), Stephanie Oles, Jamie Pennell, Neicey Pennell, Marcia Probst, Ben Robinson, Lori Ryland, Kristie Schmiede, Sally Steiner, Bill Tennant (for Mark Reinstein), Jeff Wieferich, Grady Wilkinson, Cynthia Wright

Members Absent: Amy Allen, Becky Cienki, Jeff Patton, Patricia Smith

Others Present: Crystal Carrothers, Deborah Hollis, Elizabeth, Knisely, Larry Scott, Jennifer Stentoumis, Lynda Zeller

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m.

Introduction of Director Haveman

Lynda Zeller introduced Director Haveman.

Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities Administration Updates

Director Haveman reviewed some of the key issues that MDCH is addressing currently: the duals project, integrating PIHPs and CAs, Mental Health and Wellness Commission, and high-needs children. He provided a handout on MDCH Strategic Priorities, MDCH service structure, and proposed Medicaid expansion.

Director Haveman stressed that Medicaid expansion is at risk in Michigan as the legislature is not supportive. Advocacy regarding this issue is needed. The MDCH budget is not final, so there is time to impact this issue. Director Haveman took a few questions from the council. He indicated that there may be some new fact sheets/talking points available for advocates and can be sent out to the BHAC. MSHDA has some information to provide about how the medical crises and medical bills contribute to homelessness. Director Haveman asked that the Council communicate the priorities of the BHAC to Lynda to be communicated to the Mental Health and Wellness Council and Diversion Workgroup.

Lynda Zeller spoke more about what is needed from the BHAC: reaction/feedback on MDCH strategic priorities; as the January 1st deadline approaches for the (P.A. 500 & 501) integration of CAs into the mental health system and advisory council to maintain the voice of substance abuse is required and could be informed by this group; also to get feedback as to what the consolidation of the 18 PIHPs and 10 PIHPs really feels like in the field. Elmer asked if some of the consolidation that is

proposed may not have gone far enough and what are the barriers. Lynda pointed out that the Mental Health Code requires local county control of CMHSPs, but Medicaid Managed Care is not required to be done locally in the code. Lynda reiterated that the BHAC needs to define their priorities and recognize all the aspects and repercussions of what the BHAC supports. Lynda asked that people report their personal stories of what the experience of care is like.

Lynda also informed the BHAC that Michigan was chosen to receive a State Transformation Grant (SIM grant). It is a 6-month project that will pull together all relevant healthcare provider systems to envision and plan for a population-based health system for Michigan. They want to answer the question: What is getting in the way of wellness? Lynda will provide information to the BHAC about this grant and what opportunities there may be for input. Melanie Brim at Public Health is the point person for the grant at the state. Lynda also indicated that MDCH is meeting to try to identify ways to “repackage” the Medicaid Expansion message to get through to the legislature. The group went over the specific priorities where BHDDA has the lead, but they are still involved in many of the other priorities as well. Lynda will have Karen send an email to the BHAC with the specifics that BHDDA has developed to address some of the MDCH strategic priorities on which BHDDA is the lead.

The duals project continues. There is money in the Governor’s budget for behavioral health homes, which will proceed if the legislature keeps the money in the final state budget. The state legislature did not approve a state/federal exchange partnership so now Michigan will have to purchase services from the federal system, not a local system. The state will have to look to the federal plan for outreach and education and if the Michigan legislature does not approve any additional state money (which they have not done) for the exchange, the federal plan will be it. Lynda will get the web address for the Michigan Medicaid Expansion web page to Karen to get to the Council. Finally, Lynda spoke about the “assurances” that BSAAS has been developing with MISACA to encapsulate the vital components of substance use disorder services that should not be lost in the consolidation of the MH & SA system. That list of assurances will be sent to the BHAC when it is available. Also, the ROSC plan should be distributed as well. Jamie wanted Lynda to know that transitional age youth is a group that is continually overlooked and the disconnect between services for SED and SMI results in youth being in intense MH services one day and being told they do not qualify in the adult system the next.

Welcome and Introductions

The group introduced themselves.

Member Alternates

Jeff asked members to provide their alternate’s information on a sheet that was passed around.

Approval of the January 14, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Elmer moved, Kevin O'Hare seconded approval of the minutes; minutes approved.

Bylaws Workgroup

Marcia Probst reviewed the work of the workgroup and indicated that the federal law P.L. 102 321 is the current law that the council must operate under. A discussion ensued about including reference to P.L. 102 321 or not as it has not been updated to reflect the inclusion of substance abuse.

P.L. 102 231 – Sally moved that the BHAC vote on including the P.L. 102 231 in the bylaws; Elmer seconded. Four members were in favor of the motion and the rest opposed. The motion did not carry. Linda moved that the reference to P.L. 102 231 be changed to “applicable federal law.” Kevin O'Neill seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Recording Secretary – Elmer moved that the position be retained, but that Article IV, #4 be amended to say “assuring that minutes are recorded” rather than “keeping minutes.” Ben Robinson seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Article IV, Section 2 - Jamie moved to amend the language to say “non-consecutive terms.” Stephanie seconded. Elmer said the motion was worded awkwardly and should say “2 years.” Two members were in favor of the motion and the rest opposed. The motion did not carry. Ben supported 2 consecutive terms. Ben moved that the bylaws be accepted with the above amendments. Kevin O'Hare seconded; motion withdrawn. Karen mentioned having co-chairs with one member from mental health and one from substance abuse. Elmer and Kevin both supported not having co-chairs as this is to be an integrated group. Jean suggested rotating chairs for every other meeting.

Linda moved that the chair not have voting rights as an ex-officio member of any committee formed by the council. Norm seconded. 14 members were in favor, 6 were against, and 2 abstained; motion carried.

Marlene moved to give all the suggestions to the bylaws committee, Lonnetta seconded; Larry indicated that, without bylaws, the group cannot conduct business. Marlene withdrew the motion.

Elmer suggested that the role of the Council be defined as advisory to the Director and the language be sent back to the bylaws workgroup for review.

Article II, #1 - Karen moved to add “only” in this sentence, which reads “...shall be to only advise the...” Kevin O'Neill seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Article III, #3 - Sally moved that we set a maximum of 40 members, Kevin O'Hare seconded. 24 members were in favor and 1 opposed; motion carried.

Elmer asked if clarification can be added to Article VI, #1 to specify how someone could be added to the Executive Committee. Also, on #3 he noted that actions by the Executive Committee may not always be able to be ratified by the entire committee due to time limits. Elmer suggested that these suggestions go back to the bylaws committee to work further on.

Sally reminded everyone that the Director revised the previous group's bylaws and this could happen again.

Ben suggested that the process of the election of the Executive Committee needs to be in the bylaws.

Kristie moved to pass the bylaws with the changes that have been made today and add any additional revisions (including the nominating committee) at a later meeting through an amendment. Kevin seconded; motion carried unanimously. Ben asked if he should forward additional issues to the bylaws committee for future amendments and the answer was yes. Marcia, Jamie, Norm, Chris, and Shareen are on the bylaws committee.

Recovery Committee Updates

Linda moved to have members email updates from other committees to Karen for distribution to the BHAC in order to move on to reviewing the Block Grant application. Norm seconded. Two members abstained, and the rest were in favor; motion carried.

Review Draft FY14-15 Block Grant Application

Karen explained that the due date for the block grant was changed to September 1st, but the Department wants to keep the forward momentum as we were preparing to submit it April 1st. There are several sections requested, but not required, that will be covered at the June 28th meeting. Karen started with the overview document, then reviewed the needs document and then the priority performance indicator document. Jeff and Jennifer assisted with the review. Members can e-mail any comments to Karen. The group decided that the Council should still submit a letter that the block grant application was reviewed even though it is not a requirement anymore. Karen also discussed the cut to the mental health block grant due to the federal sequestration.

Public Comment

Linda announced that the NAMI MI annual conference is going to be at the Lansing Center on April 19th and 20th. Members can go to the NAMI website or email Linda for more information.

Karen announced that the annual Co-occurring Disorders conference is April 30th and May 1st at the JW Marriott Hotel in Grand Rapids. It will be happening at the same time as the MACMHB conference which is located at the Amway Grand Hotel that is connected to the JW Marriott.

Stephanie stated that the 2013 Campaign to End Homelessness Summit is on September 18th and 19th in Frankenmuth.

Karen asked Chris, Marlene, and Kevin O'Hare to email her their updates from the committees to be sent to the Council.

Jeff moved to adjourn the meeting; Norm seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.